AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the application at page 1, line 1, as follows:

-- Novel Device, System and Method for Fluorescence Detection--

Please insert the following paragraphs immediately after the title on page 1:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/342,392, filed December 27, 2001, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.--